

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 19

FALL AND CAPTIVITY OF ISRAEL.

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 17:7, 14, 18
(23).

GOLDEN TEXT—He that after being
reproved hardeneth his neck shall sud-
denly be destroyed.—Prov. 29:1.

In the sweep of our six years' cycle
of study we prefer to consider this les-
son first and use the Christmas story
(Luke 2:1-20) to illustrate the love of
God which Israel (the last ten tribes)
so basely outraged ere it passed into
oblivion.

I. The Stiff-Necked People, vv. 6-13.
The fact (v. 6) of Israel's captivity
has always appealed to the interest
and the imaginations of men. The
cause of the captivity was threefold
(1) They "had sinned" (v. 7). It
was not a single offense but a course
of action which was performed (a)
openly, "walked" (v. 8). For 215 years
following Solomon's reign they had
been openly idolatrous and trespassed
upon God's grace. (b) "Secretly" (v.
9). Hosea's reign was the same as
that of his 18 predecessors. Doubt-
less he was a good diplomat and pol-
itician, though his vacillation between
Egypt and Assyria brought ruin, but
in God's sight the secret acts and
practices of the people were open
and known (Ps. 139:1-12; Heb. 5:13).
Many today do in secret things "that
were (are) not right." A clearer line
of demarcation between the church
and the world is sadly needed. (2)
They were consecrated to evil (vv.
10, 11). To cover our sins is not to
prosper (Prov. 28:13), but if we con-
fess our sins God's Son will cover
them by the forgiveness of his atone-
ment (Ps. 32:1-5; I John 1:9). Israel
cared not, however, for his forgive-
ness, despite the fact it was he that
"brought them up out of the land of
Egypt." It is passing strange that
Israel should so fully violate the ex-
press commands of God (Lev. 26:1;
Deut. 26:21; Ex. 20:3-5, etc.). Some
claim they did not possess the law,
it being of a later date, a self-evident-
ly foolish proposition, but even so,
how can men of our time violate so
many of the plain precepts of the
word of God? Does this prove that
the Bible does not exist? The an-
swer to this query is a sufficient an-
swer to the destructive critics. Israel
"sets up idols" (v. 10) and "burnt
sacrifice" (see Deut. 12:31) which
things they did "to provoke the Lord
to anger." (3) They abandoned them-
selves to evil. As though to remove
all possibility of reformation they not
alone "served idols" (v. 12) but "they
sold themselves to do that which was
evil" (v. 17).

II. The Sovereign God, vv. 14-18.
God's character and will had been
fully set before the nation (Ex. 20:
3-6). Repeated warnings (v. 13) had
been given by faithful prophets, also
repeated forgivings, yet Israel is
(1) willful, they "would not hear" (v.
14), but deliberately followed in their
fathers' footsteps. (2) Proud and vain
(vv. 14, 15) and (3) utterly abandoned
(v. 17), and hence must receive the
judgment of God's righteous anger
(see Ex. 20), or else God is not right-
eous. He repeatedly sought to turn
them aside, but they slew his faithful
prophets (Matt. 21:33-39). God is
calling in mercy with long suffering,
in this present evil age; unbelief in
God and his word is still prevalent;
skepticism and loose morals every-
where abound, and shall God go on
and call forever? (Prov. 29:1; I Pet.
3:9-10).

III. The Savior of Men, Luke 2:1-20.
God's love for Israel was manifest
(made plain) through his loving acts
and the messages of warning pre-
laid by his prophets. But we have
a more marvelous revelation of his
love in the person of his Son whose
birthday we are about to observe.
Samaria lost its "crown of pride," but
we may receive a crown of righteous-
ness as the "sons of God" (John 1:
12; II Tim. 4:8), but not so unless
we obey (John 14:23) his word.

Let us therefore take up the an-
gelic praise (1) "Glory to God in the
highest;" highest heavens, highest de-
gree and quality of praise of him who
is infinitely wise and loving.

(2) "On earth peace" with God,
with man, in the individual heart and
among the nations.

Peace of conscience because of sins
forgiven, in fact, all blessings, hap-
piness and prosperity because of peace
due to victory over sin which is the
destroyer of peace.

(3) "Good will toward man," those
with whom God is well pleased, and
God has good will only toward all
men.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

A meeting of the Missouri Central
Highway Association was held at New
Boston recently. The meeting was
attended by more than 200 road boost-
ers from Linn and Macon counties,
who voted to extend the line from
Brookfield to New Boston in Linn
county on to Goldsberry, Gifford and
Laplata, in Macon county.

G. Pitman Smith, 67 years old, at-
torney for the Wabash Railway Com-
pany for many years and a promi-
nent lawyer of Northeast Missouri, is
dead at his home in Montgomery. Mr.
Smith was an active Democrat and a
personal friend of Speaker Champ
Clark. He represented St. Louis
county in the legislature in 1877, but
had been a resident of that city for
about thirty years.

A steam shovel, being used to load
a wagon at St. Louis, was opened too
soon and dumped half a ton of clay
on John Medley, a teamster. When
workmen dug Medley out they found
he had been smothered to death.

The women of the University of
Missouri have started a movement to
induce the next legislature to appro-
priate funds for the erection of a wom-
en's building at the university.

Harold Moore, 13 years old, was
shot through the heart at Hannibal
when a 22-caliber target rifle which
he was lifting from the ground was
accidentally discharged. He was the
son of Robert Moore.

S. C. Davis, a wealthy farmer and
stockman of Clever, was found dead
in his room in a hotel at Springfield.
Death was due to asphyxiation. Davis
turned on a gas yet accidentally.

The Missouri Probate Judges' As-
sociation adjourned at Sedalia with a
luncheon. St. Louis was chosen for
the 1916 meeting, which will be held
December 3 and 4. Officers elected
were: M. M. Milligan, Richmond,
president; T. W. Hurrelle, Warrenton,
vice president; B. R. Williams, Ma-
con, secretary-treasurer; Sam B.
Hodgeson, St. Louis, sergeant-at-arms.

George E. Church, 58 years old, liv-
ing four miles northwest of Butler, is
dead after several weeks' illness of
heart disease. Mr. Church was a
leading citizen of Bates county and
had represented the county in the leg-
islature.

Samuel Caldwell, 52 years, old, a
farmer living near Knobnoster, was
killed and his daughter, Ruby, was
severely injured when their motor car
was struck recently by a Missouri
Pacific train at a crossing in Knob-
noster.

Charles Copeland Nicolson, 68 years
old, who had a state-wide reputation
as a raiser of fine colts and who once
owned a prize-winning string of thor-
oughbreds, is dead at his home near
Fulton of paralysis.

Fred Poynter, who last July killed
three women when they attempted to
eject him from their farm, was found
guilty of murder in the circuit court
at Vienna and was sentenced to the
penitentiary for twelve years.

Peter J. Tribble, a retired farmer of
Ray county, died at his home in Rich-
mond the other morning. He was 85
years old and a native of Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hainen cele-
brated their golden wedding near Tip-
ton recently. One hundred and thirty-
seven friends attended the dinner and
supper. Mr. Hainen is 72 years old,
and his wife is 70.

Bryant Bailey, 10 years old, son of
Thornton Bailey, a farmer living west
of Kingsville, was killed recently. The
boy had been sent to the pasture for
horses. He was found later with his
neck broken. A halter was around
the boy's neck and the body had been
dragged some distance.

Jack Covington, 58 years old, a law-
yer, has made application for a hunt-
er's license in Montgomery county.
He is one of the Missourians who
went overland to the gold fields of
California with an ox team sixteen
years before the Civil war.

Returns from the special election
held in Stone county to vote on the
issuance of \$35,000 of bonds for the
construction of a new court house at
Galena, indicate that the proposal was
defeated by a majority estimated at
600.

By consent of the girl's mother, W.
R. Chaney, 55 years old, became the
husband of Ida M. Frank, 13. Both
reside in Springfield. The girl is the
youngest who ever obtained a mar-
riage license in Greene county.



**CHEW
MAIL
POUCH
TOBACCO**

**WHY
TRY IT
AND
SEE**

SUPPER THE PRINCIPAL MEAL

In Former Times Noonday "Dinner"
Was Only Luncheon, According
to English Ideas.

The change in mealtimes is evi-
denced by the old rhyme:

To rise at five and dine at nine,
To sup at five and bed at nine,
Will make a man live to ninety-nine.

But one suspected that the change
is in the names of the meals rather
than in the hours. Our ancestors
would have termed our luncheon din-
ner, and our dinner supper. It is a
curious fact that in some of the Ox-
ford colleges, where the founders
made allowances for the meals of the
students, a much larger sum is al-
lotted for supper than for dinner, im-
plying that the former was the more
substantial meal. Taken at five or six
o'clock, it was really "early dinner."

Some particulars of the mealtimes
of our ancestors may be found in Wil-
liam Harrison's "Description of Eng-
land," published 1587.

"With us the nobility, gentry and
students do ordinarily go to dinner at
eleven before noon, and to supper at
five or between five and six at after-
noon. The merchants dine and sup
seldom before twelve at noon, and six
at night, especially in London. The
husbandmen dine also at high noon,
as they call it, and sup at seven or
eight, but put of the term in our uni-
versities the scholars dine at ten. As
for the poorest sort they generally
dine and sup when they may, so that
to talk of their order of repast it were
but a needless matter."—London
Chronicle.

Truth for the Traveler.

Man at Ticket Office (purchasing
transportation)—Can I stop over in
Dubhurst on this ticket?

Agent—Well, this ticket is only good
for so many hours, and there is no
other train until after it expires. Be-
fore that time you will be kicking
yourself because you did not keep on.
—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The End.

"They say the consumption of dog
meat is spreading in Germany."
"Ah, this is the wienerwurst!"

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PLAIN DOG'S GAME FIGHT

Withstands Attack of Three Until Boy
Takes Hand in Battle, Then
Crawls Away to Die.

It was dog, just plain yellow-hued
dog, that fought a battle at Superior
avenue.

There were four in the fight. The
plain dog was on one side. The other
three formed the other army.

There was no question of a fight.
People interested stopped to see it.

Plain dog was nipped severely on
the ear and was bitten on the back.
From a gash in his neck blood flowed
to change plain dog's yellow to red.

But plain dog fought on.

The battle ended when a boy with
a stone and a well-directed aim helped
out one of the three other dogs.

"Plain dog beat it. But there were
no other dogs following the plain dog.
The retreat was masterly.

None following, plain dog dropped
into a limp; the broken leg must have
been distressingly painful.

In an areaway just behind a garage,
within a stone's throw of the scene
of the battle, was found what had
been the yellow dog.

Plain dog was dead.

Disqualified.

"If you will split some kindling wood
for the kitchen fire," said the lady of
the house, "I'll be glad to give you
something to eat."

"Sorry, lady," replied the wayfarer,
"but I ain't been able to keep up me
dues in the Kindling Splitters' union,
and I'm afraid the walking delegate
would get after me if I done any of
that kind of work."

The Reason.

"Did you have a monkey dinner
this season?"

"No; I didn't care to ape that fad."

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fortune no man objects to putting his
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